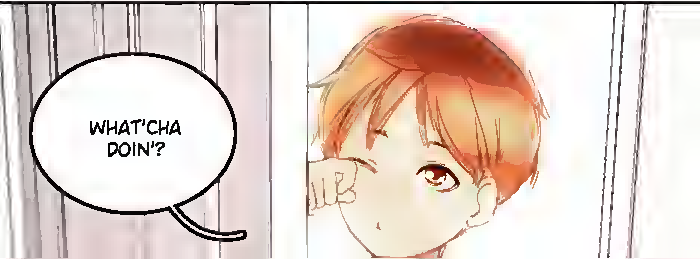
Please have your sound on for this chapter


WHAT'CHA
DOIN'?

UP

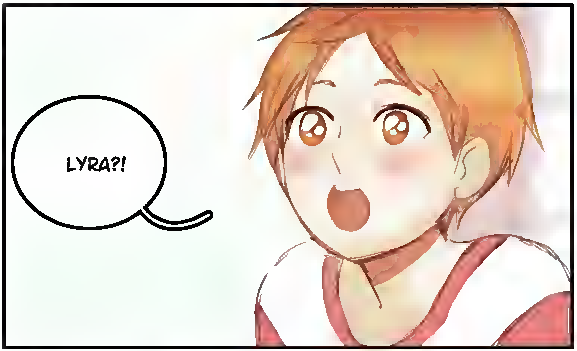
HEY. COEN.

SORRY, DID I WAKE YOU?
NUH UH.

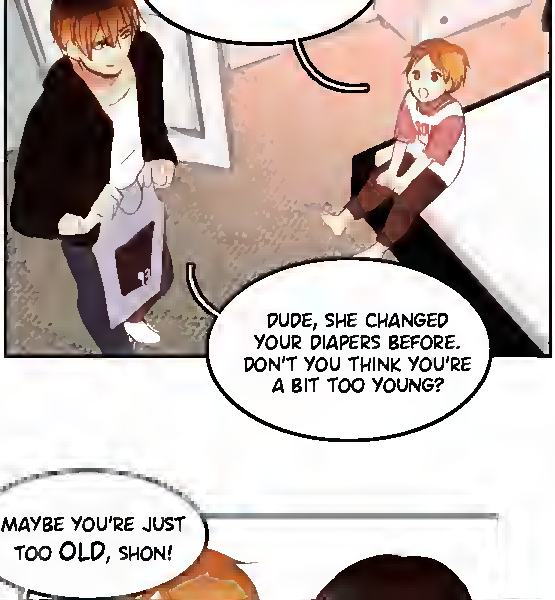
OKAY
LISTEN, BUDDY.
I'M ONLY HERE FOR A LITTLE WHILE, SO DO YOUR BIG BRO A FAVOR AND DON'T TELL MOM I CAME TO THE HOUSE WITHOUT CALLING, OKAY?

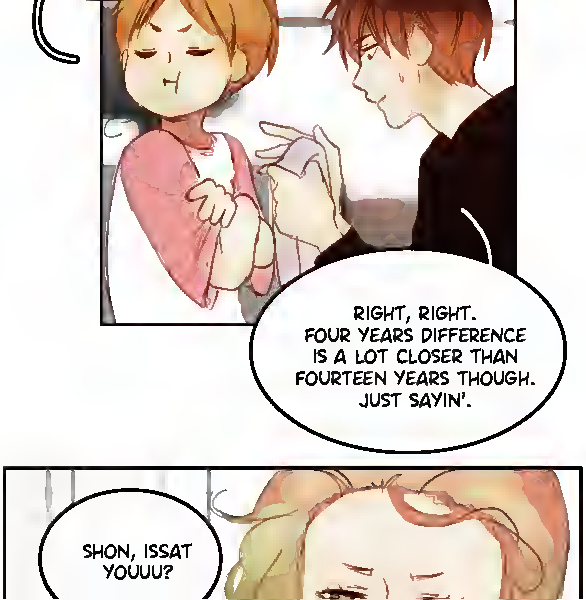
M'KAY...
SO WHAT'CHA DOIN'?

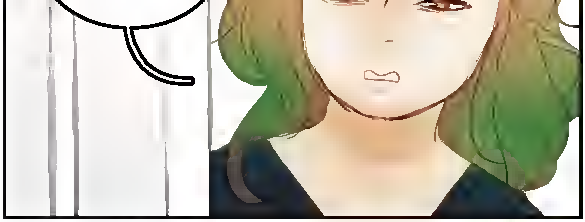
I'M DOING A FAVOR FOR LYRA.



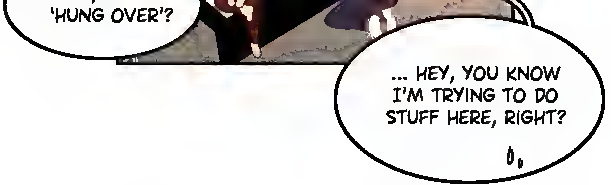
I'M GONNA MARRY LYRA, YOU KNOW!


DUDE, SHE CHANGED YOUR DIAPERS BEFORE. DON'T YOU THINK YOU'RE A BIT TOO YOUNG?
MAYBE YOU'RE JUST TOO OLD, SHON!


RIGHT, RIGHT.
FOUR YEARS DIFFERENCE
IS A LOT CLOSER THAN
FOURTEEN YEARS THOUGH.
JUST SAYIN'.
SHON, ISSAT
YOUUU?



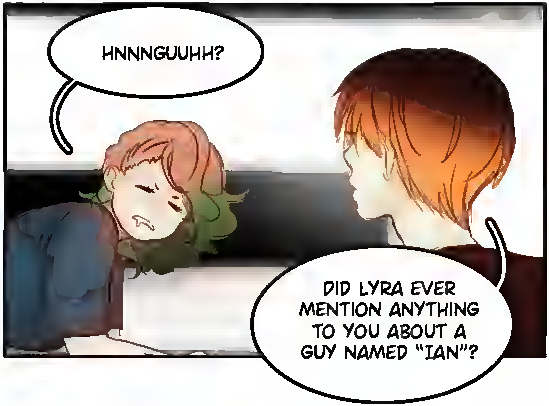
CRAAAP.
I'M SO HUNG
OVER RIGHT NOW.
FLOP
KORI, WHAT'S


'HUNG OVER'?
... HEY, YOU KNOW I'M TRYING TO DO STUFF HERE, RIGHT?

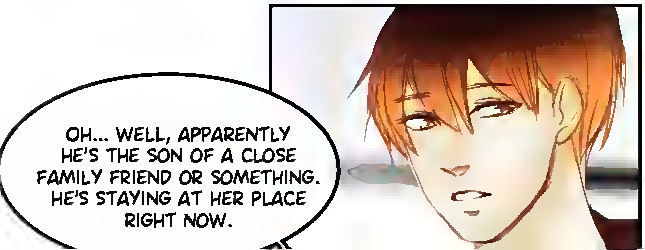
Siren's Lament

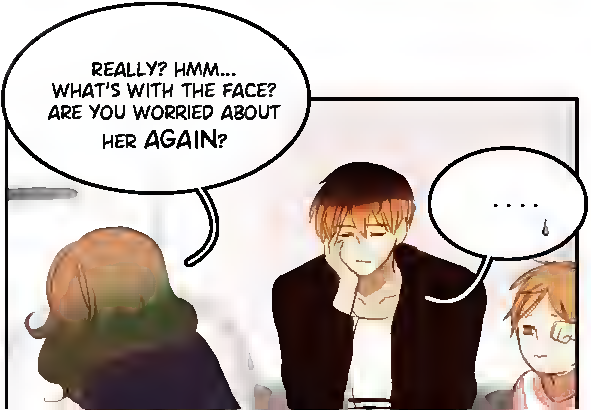
EPISODE 8: SELFLESSNESS

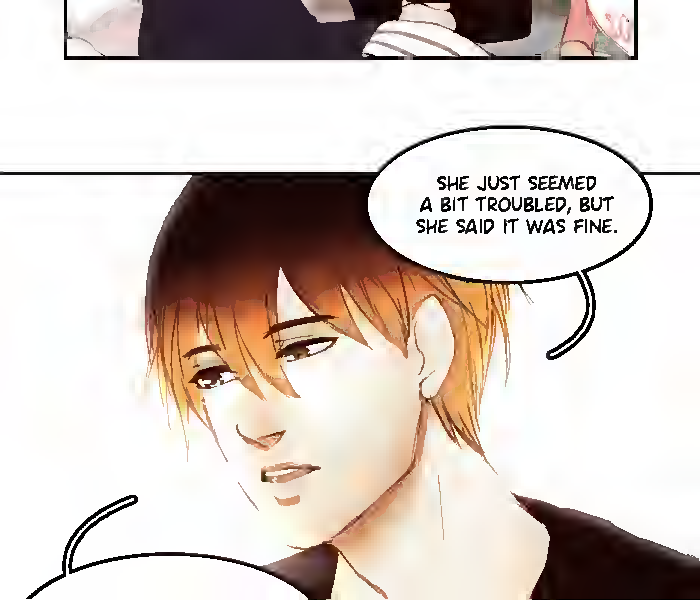
HEY, KORI?


HNNNGUUHH?
DID LYRA EVER MENTION ANYTHING TO YOU ABOUT A GUY NAMED "IAN"?

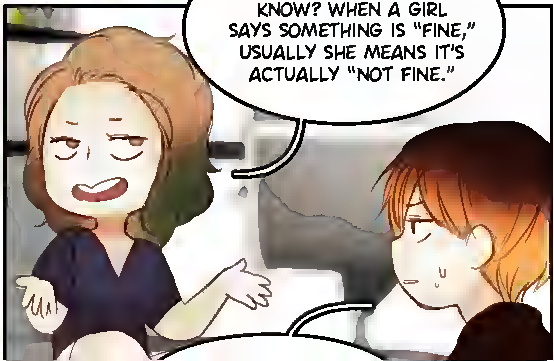
NOPE, DOESN'T RING A BELL. WHY?


OH... WELL, APPARENTLY HE'S THE SON OF A CLOSE FAMILY FRIEND OR SOMETHING. HE'S STAYING AT HER PLACE RIGHT NOW.

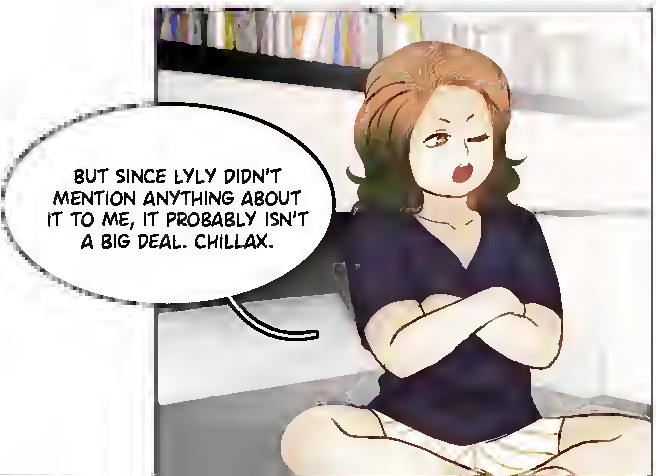

REALLY? HMM...
WHAT'S WITH THE FACE?
ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT
HER AGAIN?
....

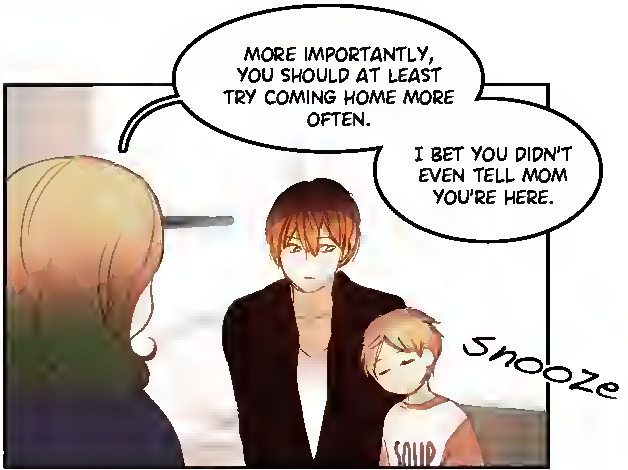

SHE JUST SEEMED A BIT TROUBLED, BUT SHE SAID IT WAS FINE.

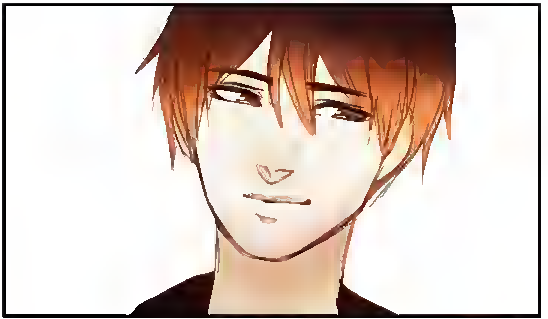
LYRA IS ONE OF THE SMARTEST AND MOST SENSIBLE PEOPLE I KNOW, SO I'M TAKING HER WORD FOR IT.



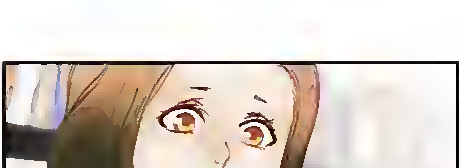
... THAT'S CONFUSING.

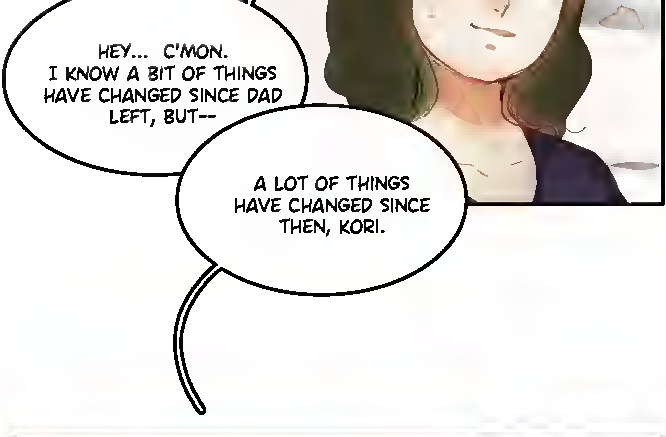



MORE IMPORTANTLY, YOU SHOULD AT LEAST TRY COMING HOME MORE OFTEN.
I BET YOU DIDN'T EVEN TELL MOM YOU'RE HERE.
Snooze

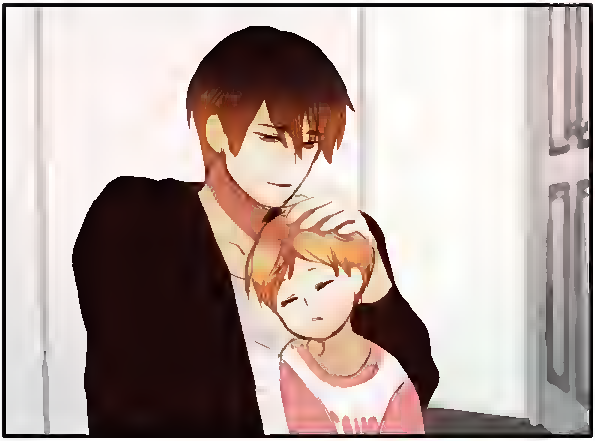


... SHE DOESN'T WANT TO SEE ME.

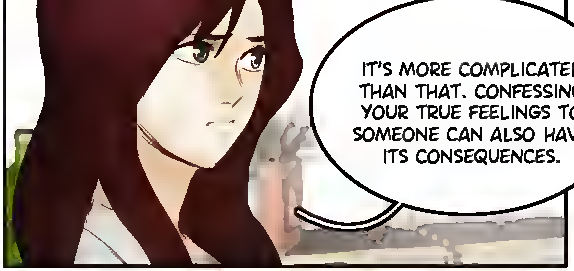


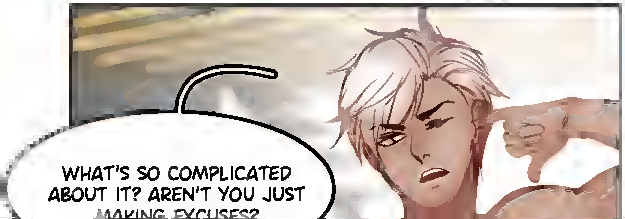

HEY... C'MON.
I KNOW A BIT OF THINGS HAVE CHANGED SINCE DAD LEFT, BUT--
A LOT OF THINGS HAVE CHANGED SINCE THEN, KORI.

OUR FAMILY IS
BROKEN NOW.

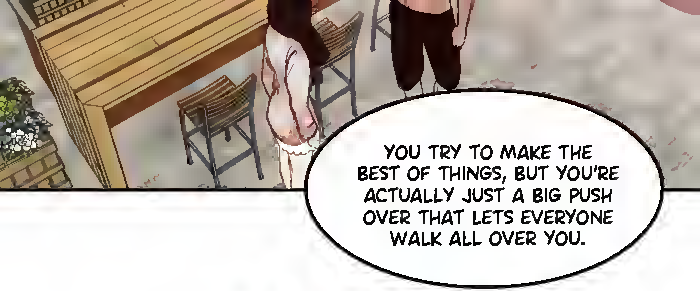


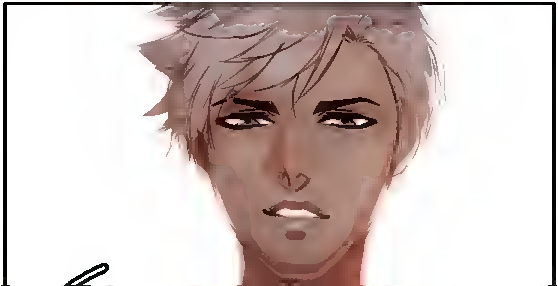
THINGS AREN'T THAT SIMPLE.


IT'S MORE COMPLICATED THAN THAT. CONFESSING YOUR TRUE FEELINGS TO SOMEONE CAN ALSO HAVE ITS CONSEQUENCES.

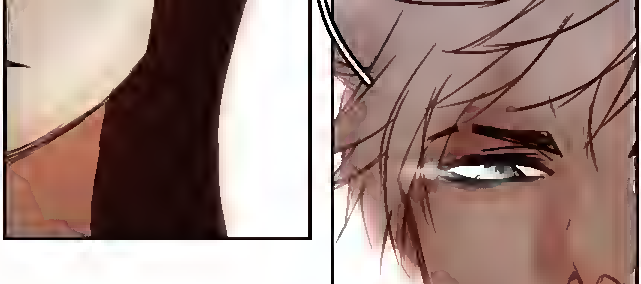

WHAT'S SO COMPLICATED ABOUT IT? AREN'T YOU JUST MAKING EXCUSES?

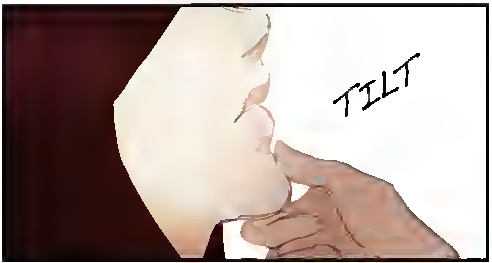
LET ME PUT IT THIS WAY, FISH BAIT...
FROM WHAT I'VE GATHERED IN MY SHORT TIME BEING HERE, YOU'RE JUST A GIRL WHO WORKS AND LIVES ALONE AT THIS FLOWER SHOP.


YOU TRY TO MAKE THE BEST OF THINGS, BUT YOU'RE ACTUALLY JUST A BIG PUSH OVER THAT LETS EVERYONE WALK ALL OVER YOU.

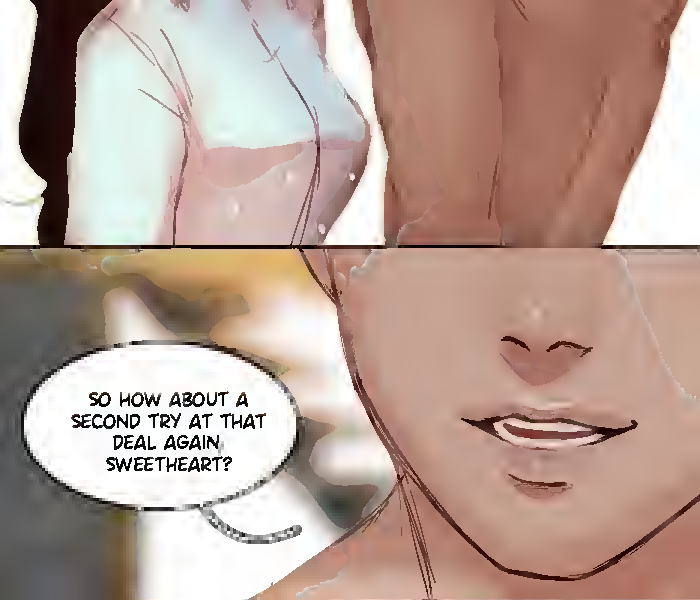


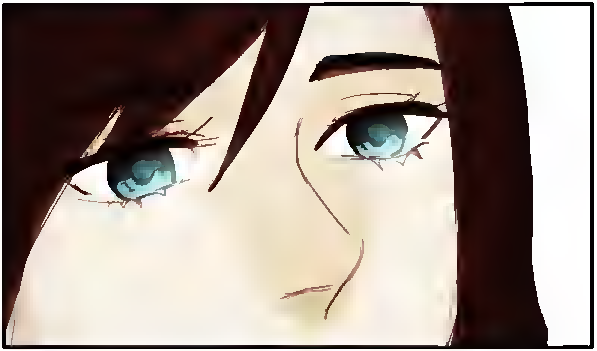
I'M STARTING TO THINK OUR LITTLE EXCHANGE DIDN'T WORK BECAUSE YOU'RE TOO NAIVE.
YOU'RE IN CONSTANT DENIAL WITH YOURSELF... LET'S FACE IT, YOU'RE MISERABLE HERE.

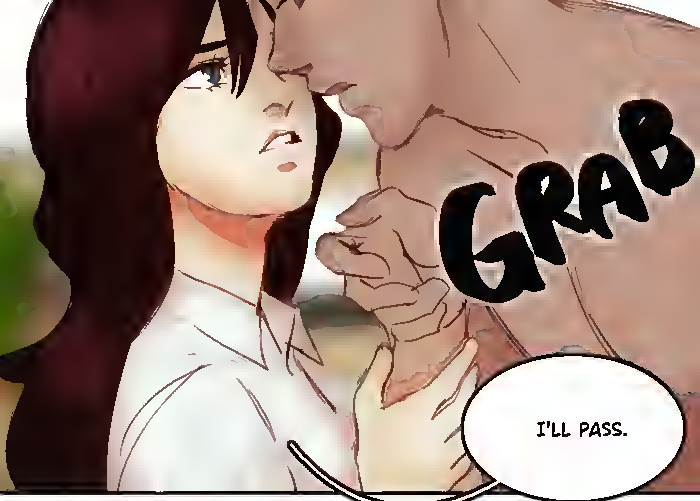

BUT IT DOESN'T HAVE TO STAY THIS WAY... YOU CAN LEAVE IT ALL BEHIND.

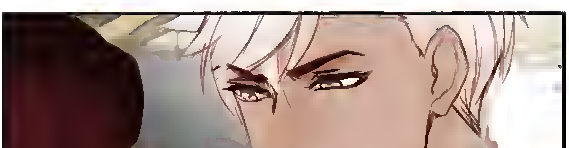


YOU SHOULD JUST
SURRENDER YOURSELF
TO ME COMPLETELY.


SO HOW ABOUT A SECOND TRY AT THAT DEAL AGAIN SWEETHEART?




GRAB
I'LL PASS.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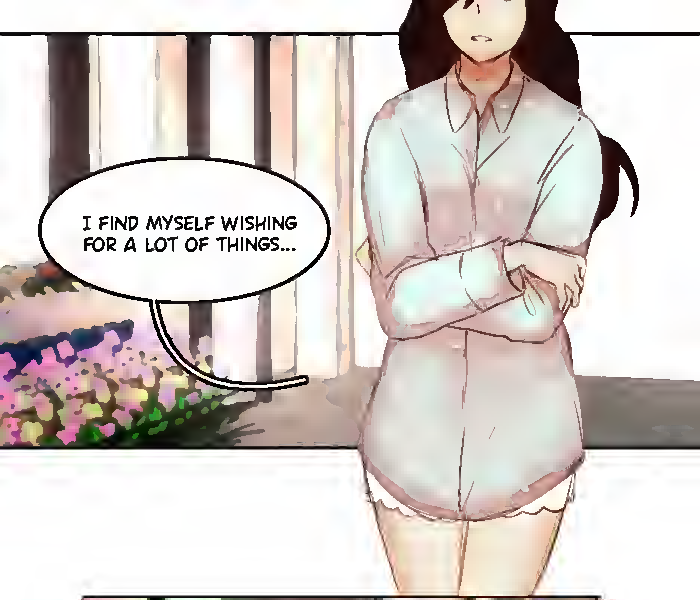
SURE, MY LIFE IS
FAR FROM PERFECT.

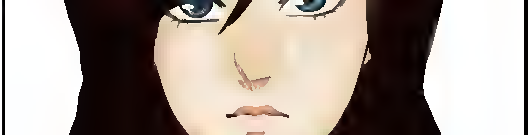

I FIND MYSELF WISHING FOR A LOT OF THINGS...

FOR A COMPLETE FAMILY...

FOR MIRACLES...

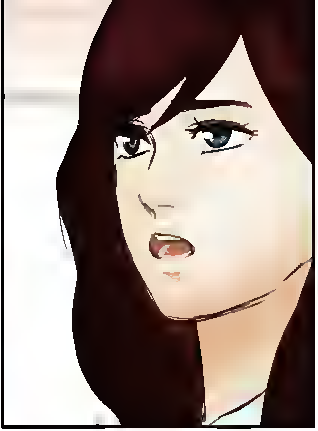
FOR LOVE AND HAPPINESS...

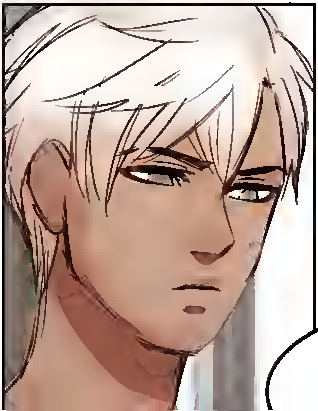
BUT THEN I THINK OF WHAT I DO HAVE... AND I REALIZE I WOULDN'T GIVE ANY OF IT UP FOR THE WORLD.



... HAVE YOU EVER STOPPED TO THINK THAT THERE MIGHT BE SOMEONE WHO CARES ABOUT YOU?

IT'S EASY TO GIVE UP ON LIFE AND WALK AWAY...

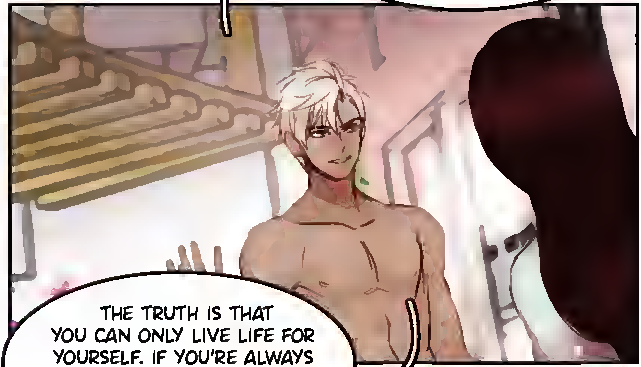




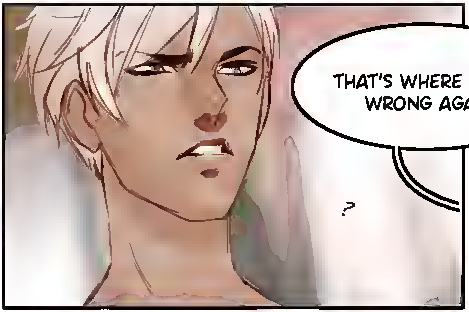
BUT IT'S EVEN HARDER FOR THOSE YOU LEAVE BEHIND

PSH.
ALL OF YOUR PRATTLING

ABOUT "SELFLESSNESS" IS NOTHING BUT SWEET TALK.



THE TRUTH IS THAT YOU CAN ONLY LIVE LIFE FOR YOURSELF. IF YOU'RE ALWAYS TRYING TO KEEP OTHER PEOPLE HAPPY, YOU'LL WIND UP MISERABLE.



SELFLESSNESS IS WHEN YOU PUT OTHERS BEFORE YOURSELF ON YOUR OWN

WILL...

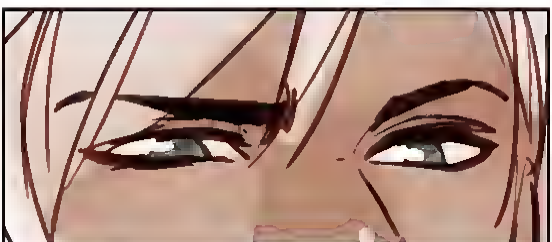
TAKES YOU IN WHEN YOU HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO ONE ELSE.

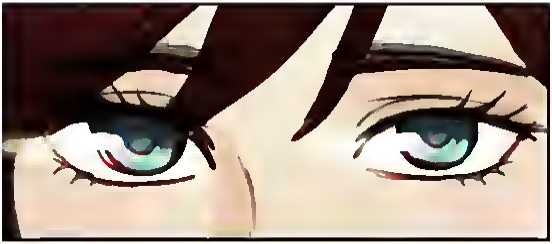
... WHEN SOMEONE DOES EVERYTHING IN THEIR POWER TO MAKE SURE YOU DON'T FEEL LONELY.

IT'S WHEN SOMEONE STAYS THE NIGHT WITH YOU IN A HOSPITAL WAITING ROOM...

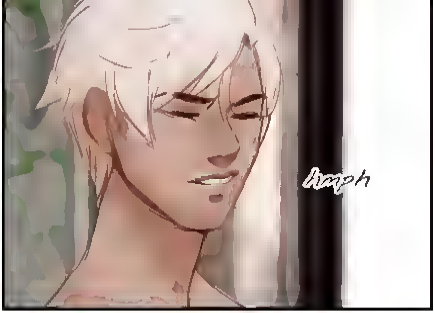
I THINK, IF ANYTHING...

IT'S THE ACTS OF SELFLESSNESS THAT REMIND ME THAT THIS LIFE IS ALL THE MORE WORTH LIVING





CAN YOU SAY THE SAME?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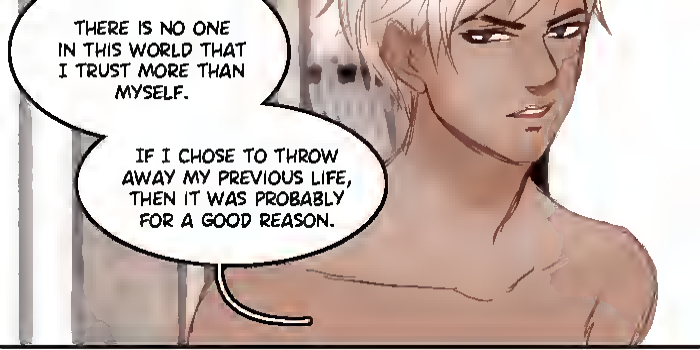
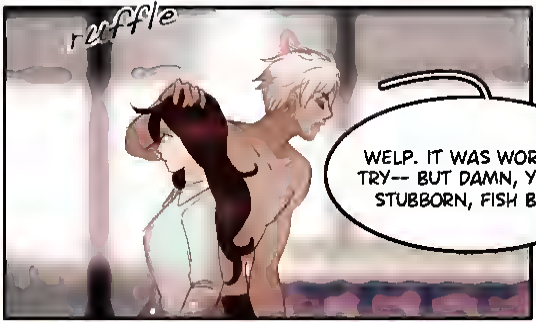

THERE IS NO ONE IN THIS WORLD THAT I TRUST MORE THAN MYSELF.
IF I CHOSE TO THROW AWAY MY PREVIOUS LIFE, THEN IT WAS PROBABLY FOR A GOOD REASON.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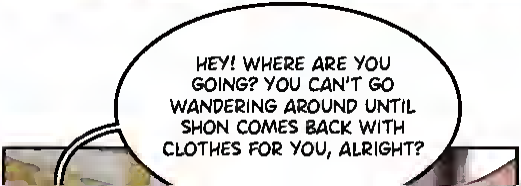
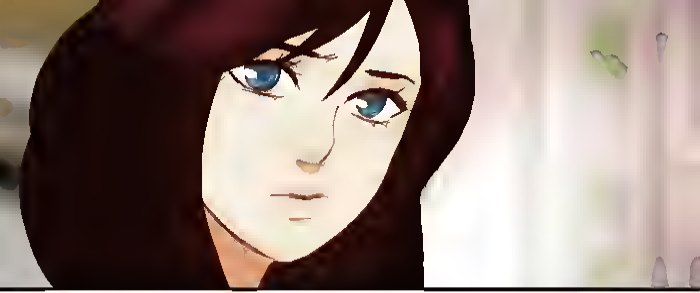
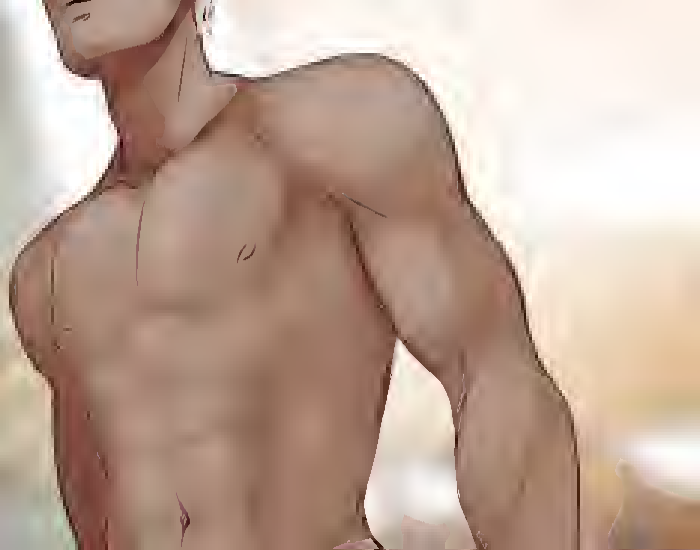
WELP. IT WAS WORTH A TRY-- BUT DAMN, YOU'RE STUBBORN, FISH BAIT.

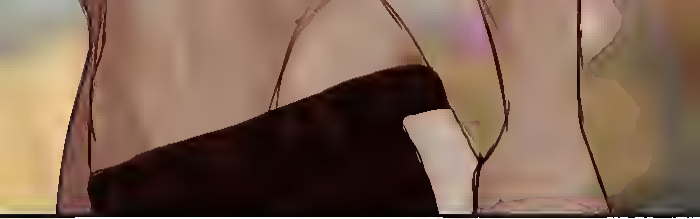

HEY! WHERE ARE YOU GOING? YOU CAN'T GO WANDERING AROUND UNTIL SHON COMES BACK WITH CLOTHES FOR YOU, ALRIGHT?

YEAH, YEAH...

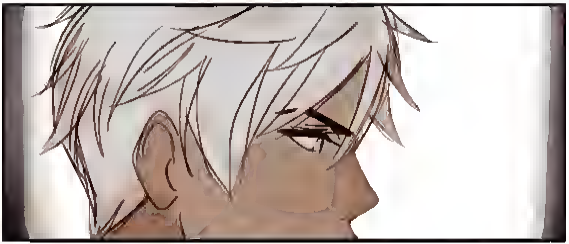


I CAN'T HELP
BUT WONDER...





WHAT KIND OF LIFE
WAS THIS PERSON
LIVING?



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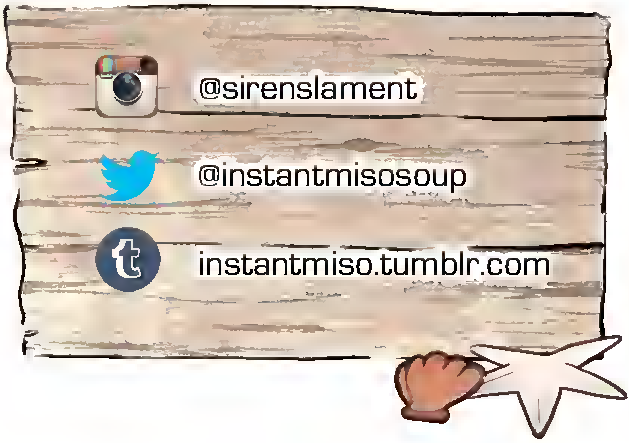
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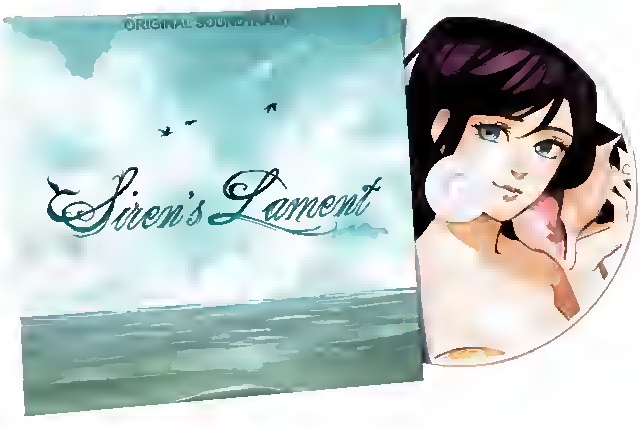

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